

1 **ABSTRACT**

2 A virtual private network (VPN) enrollment protocol gateway is described  
3 herein. The protocol gateway is implemented as a registration authority that  
4 operates as an intermediary between routers and a certificate authority, allowing  
5 routers operating in accordance with one protocol to obtain and maintain  
6 certificates for a VPN from a certificate authority operating in accordance with  
7 another protocol. In accordance with one aspect, the gateway protocol supports  
8 various requests from the router, including router enrollment requests, get  
9 certificate revocation list request, get certificate requests, get certificate authority  
10 certificate requests, and password requests.  
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